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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear sir:

I would like to see that the Microsoft case finally comes to a conclusion which will preserve the foundations of a free society in its preservation of respect for property rights.

Microsoft has always been of positive benefit to the consumer in enabling everyone to have access to his own PC, packaged with virtually all the needed software at a reasonable price. To find that Microsoft is undercutting the costs of its competitors is the problem of its competitors, it is not Microsoft's problem, and it is not a problem for the consumer. It is because of Microsoft that the PC has become an indispensable addition to my home; I do not owe any thanks to its competitors for Microsoft's accomplishments.

I do not want the government interfering in my ability to choose what software I run on my PC. If other companies have a beneficial product, let them compete for my business in the marketplace, and not seek special privileges from government by trying to invoke the gross ambiguities inherent in the antitrust laws. When politicians protect some businesses from others they engage in a dangerous policy. Continued application of the antitrust laws against successful businessmen can only lead to corruption and economic disaster as shown in many other countries. I want a free America where anyone with enough intelligence and hard work can be a self-made man like Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates. This is the only way everyone can benefit, including the competitors of Microsoft, who now are able to compete in a market that did not exist before. The only way that this country can remain free is to fully recognize and protect the principle of property rights inherent in constitutionally guaranteed individual rights.

Sincerely,
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